# WORD- AND PHRASEBOOK

FOR

# AU PÔLE EN BALLON

BY

# THE GENERAL EDITORS OF THE SERIES

## London

MACMILLAN AND CO., LIMITED

NEW YORK: THE MACMILLAN COMPANY
1901

All rights reserved

# WORD- AND PHRASEBOOK FOR HOME-WORK

# WORDS

Note.—This Appendix gives the primary and ordinary meanings of words and therefore does not in every case supply the best word to be used in the translation of the text.

Some words and phrases are intentionally inserted several times.

Page wo	RDS	WORDS	
the sand	le sable	beyond the (sharp) point a breath of wind	au delà de
the study	l'étude (f)		la pointe
deprived of	. dépourvu de		un souffle de vent
2 the means	le moyen	a proposal	une proposition
to try	tenter	suddenly	tout à coup
to meet	rencontrer	an oar	un aviron
3 to look at on another a tree	e se regarder un arbre	the hole to glide, slide blackish	le trou glisser noirâtre
a plank 4 the next day the noise	une planche le lendemain le bruit	to avoid the open (seα)	éviter le large
a field-glass	une longue-vue	the barking	l'aboiement (m)
5 to frighten	effrayer	to row	ramer
a shot	un coup de feu	instead of	au lieu de
to fall back to swim the group the breath	reculer nager le groupe le souffle	ready to the smoke to be wounded never mind	prêt à la fumée être blessé n'importe!
7 to reach sg.	atteindre qc.	the blow	le coup
to shake	secouer	to split	fendre
the hatchet	la hache	the floor	le plancher

# PHRASES

Abbreviations.—sg. = 'something,' qc. = 'quelque chose,' and qn. = 'quelqu'un(e).'

#### Page PHRASES

- r little above the sea to find it difficult to . . two days passed by
- 2 it would be vexing to...
  to be near one's goal
  to be present at sg.
- 3 to adopt sg. unanimously to carry sg. out in a satisfactory manner
- 4 from behind the rocks I know nothing about it let us take care
- 5 what shall we do? to reload one's gun I am afraid of it
- 5 to shoulder one's gun to fall back towards the rocks it takes at least five minutes
- 7 stick to it then he did not leave them time to . . to remain behind

#### PHRASES

pen au-dessus de la mer avoir peine à . . deux jours s'écoulèrent il serait fâcheux de . . être près du but assister à qc.

adopter qc. à l'unanimité mettre qc. à exécution d'une manière satisfaisante

de derrière les rochers je n'en sais rien prenons garde

qu'allons-nous faire? recharger son fusil j'en ai peur

épauler son fusil rétrograder vers les rochers il faut au moins cinq minutes

tenez donc ferme!
il ne leur laissa pas le temps de..
rester en arrière

,	8 panting	haletant	powerless	impuissant
	to increase	augmenter	the prey	la proie
	to dive	plonger	the chain	la chaîne
	9 the space	l'espace (m)		un couteau de
	to strike	frapper	to memorab remito	chasse
			a joule jolt	un soubresaut
	to upset	renverser	a jerk, jolt	
			the ivory	l'ivoire (m)
Ţ	o to slacken	ralentir	the level	le niveau
	the wave	le flot ( <i>or</i> la	the oar	l'aviron (m)
		vague)	a complaint	une plainte
	the reef, rock		-	
T	r to groan, moa		to smile	sourire
-	somewhere	quelque part	unforeseen	imprévu
	ardently	ardemment	joyful	joyeux
_	2 nevertheless	néanmoins	the breadth	la largeur
1		-		•
	to struggle	lutter	to row	ramer
	to avoid	éviter	bruised	meurtri
Ι	3 scarcely	à peine	the breath	l'haleine $(f)$
	sloping	déclive	the meal	le repas
	the exhaustio	n l'épuisement (m)	to wake up $(t_{i'})$	éveiller
T	4 to growl,	grogner	to carry away	emporter
-	grumble	00	to totter	chanceler
	to budge	bouger	stupefied	hébété
	to become im	•	20	
	patient	n mpattered		
	5 outside (adv)	au dehors	just now	tout à l'heure
1		précédemment	the forehead	le front
	previously	divertissant	the forenead	16 110111
	entertaining,	divertissim		
	amusing		4 15 - 15	
1	6 a field-glass	une longue-vue	to climb	grimper
	to mutter	marmotter	to slip	glisser
	to guess	deviner	a scratch	une éraflure
1	7 a dormouse	un loir	to roam about	rôder
	to laugh at.	. se moquer de	to dream	rêver
	the observa-		the sleep	le sommeil
	tory	(m)	-	
7	8 the interior	l'intérieur (m)	to wager	gager
	to endeavour		to jest	plaisanter
		i sonorodi do	majestic	majestueux
	to	le sein	to discover	découvrir
	the care	le soin		l'arrivée (f)
1	g the colour	la couleur	the arrival	
	the rainbow	l'arc-en-ciel (m)		s'empresser de
	to be dazzled		a madman	un fou
2	eo his brother-in	n- son beau-frère	a slit, rent	une fente
	law		to remember	se souvenir de

- 8 he ran up at once to utter cries of joy to be terror-struck
- 9 to hold out (resist firmly) with one blow he split its head at the same time
- 10 in spite of their good-will (or willingness) to obey eagerly I can hold out no longer
- 11 to reach one's goal are you sure of it? before ten o'clock at night
- 12 an almost straight line he did not become discouraged he undertook the job
- 13 to keep one's eyes open about thirty paces at the sea-side
- 14 he rested in his turn to utter groans we are tired out
- 15 to recover one's presence of mind within his reach to light a pipe
- 16 a moment after some slight bruises on the top of the rock
- 17 to level a gun at some one this time I have got it what are they thinking of?
- 18 to lose consciousness what have you seen then? something extraordinary
- r9 what is the pole like? use the telescope to burst out laughing
- 20 to have no difficulty in doing sg.

il accourut aussitôt pousser des cris de joie être frappé d'épouvante

tenir bon d'un coup il lui fendit la tête en même temps

malgré leur bonne volonté

obéir avec empressement je n'y tiens plus

atteindre son but en êtes-vous sûr ? avant dix heures du soir

une ligne à peu près droite il ne se découragea pas il se chargea de ce soin (or de cette besogne)

tenir les yeux ouverts une trentaine de pas au bord de la mer

il se reposa à son tour pousser des gémissements nous sommes éreintés

recouvrer sa présence d'esprit

à sa portée allumer une pipe

au bout d'un moment de légères contusions au sommet de la roche

braquer un fusil sur qu. pour le coup j'y suis à quoi pensent-ils?

perdre la conscience de soi-même qu'as-tu donc vu? quelque chose d'extraordinaire

à quoi le pôle ressemble-t-il? servez-vous de la lunette partir d'un éclat de rire

ne pas avoir de peine à faire qc.

	the blunder to dare to	la bévue oser	to spare, save	éparguer
21	the rest, repose	le repos	instead of	au lieu de
	tiring	fatigant	wet	humide
	this atmosphere		the certainty	la certitude
	-	sphère	•	
22	the halo	le limbe	the flag (naval)	le pavillon
	a figure, number		to spin	filer
	a fraction	une fraction	the hemp, rope	le chanvre
23	the heel	le talon	the rejoicings	les réjouissances
	a clock	une horloge; (for	41.	(f)
		apartments)	the conquest	la conquête
	to colobusts	une pendule	the feast, treat	le festin
	to celebrate	célébrer	a roundabout	un détour
24	to think of	songer à envelopper	way	un detour
	to wrap up to have lunch	déjeuner	a good omen	un bon augure
	to float	flotter	a good omen	an bon augure
25	the means	le moyen	the ice	la glace
-3	eastward	vers l'est	to alarm	alarmer
	to stop	s'arrêter	to cut	couper
26	to pass by (of	s'écouler	to set on fire,	embraser
	time)		inflame	
	by chance [tion	par hasard	to stammer	bégayer
	a fire, conflagra-	un incendie	as for	quant à
27	to gush out	jaıllir	the trace	la trace
	fatal	funeste	the jolt	la secousse
_	the straw	la paille	a mist	une brume
28	the whirlwind	le tourbillon	the flake	le flocon
	the islet	l'îlot (m)	the prow	la prone
	suddenly	soudain	the forecastle	le gaillard d'avant
29	the coast	la côte	the head of hair	la chevelure
	sunburnt	hâlé	light brown	châtain clair
	the whiskers	les favoris $(m)$	a snub nose	un nez épaté
30	the distress	la détresse	to recount	raconter
	to belong to	appartenir à	the result	le résultat
	to be ready to		common, trite	banal
31	a scholar	un savant	a reef	un écueil la Sibérie
	(learned man)		Siberia	le don
	a jolly fellow	un gaillard hardi	the gift	ie don
	to come (sud-		rather	plutôt
32	denly)	DILL A CHILL	an exchange	un échange
	besides $(adv)$	en outre	the bark (of a	
	the face	la figure	tree)	
			,	

I know what has happened I could not help laughing

21 the dampness of the ground he very nearly fell to start off again

22 the preparations are finished to succeed wonderfully well the small end of the field-glass

23 to be mad with joy to start a patriotic song to hoist a flag

24 to begin doing sg. at ten o'clock in the morning a little way in front

25 at the moment when . . to be of opinion that . . to get ready to do sg.

26 to say sg. in a grave tone of voice to go down on one's knees

to hear sg. fifty leagues round
27 to disappear as it were by magic

it soon touched the waves to be one mile long by threequarters broad

28 by means of field-glasses to rig out a yacht to get ready for casting anchor

29 to put to sea a man of medium height to deserve special mention

30 to come in the nick of time for what purpose? sixty miles west of the island 31 to give some one two days' rest

he resides at the present time at S.

I have no fault to find with him

32 they need rest in any case to-morrow in my opinion

ie sais ce qui est arrivé ie ne pus m'empêcher de rire l'humidité du sol peu s'en fallut qu'il ne tombât se remettre en route les préparatifs sont terminés rénssir à merveille l'oculaire de la lunette être fou de joie entonner un chant patriotique arborer un drapeau se mettre à faire qu. à dix heures du matin à peu de distance en avant au moment où . . être d'avis que . . se mettre en mesure de faire qc. dire qc. d'une voix grave

entendre qc. à cinquante lieues à la ronde disparaître comme par enchantement il ne tarda pas à toucher les flots avoir un mille de long sur trois quarts de mille de large au moyen de lunettes gréer un yacht se préparer à mouiller l'ancre

tomber à genoux

mettre à la mer

un homme de taille moyenne mériter une mention particulière venir fort à propos dans quel but? à soixante milles à l'ouest de l'île

a soixante milles à l'ouest de l'he donner un repos de deux jours à qu. il réside actuellement à S.

je n'ai rien à lui reprocher

ils ont besoin de repos dans tous les cas demain à mon avis

33	suspicious,	équivoque	out, outside	dehors
	silent to tear	silencieux déchirer	the hammock- netting	le bastingage
34	to load (jire- arms)	charger	the niystery the sunset	le mystère le coucher du soleil
	to use sg.	se servir de qc. la brume	to swim the help, succour	nager le secours
35	the piracy the design, plan	la piraterie le dessein	to warn to be dripping	prévenir ruisseler
36	this very night to consent to		the shoulder in spite of an opportunity	l'épaule (f) malgré une occasion
25	to pretend to to plunder the cowardice	feindre de piller la lâcheté	to hasten to	se hâter de la rançon
31	to ill-treat the scoundrel	maltraiter le scélérat	a glance to try	un coup d'œil tenter
33	the pistol to disturb some	le pistolet déranger qu.	to cook the rascal	cuire le coquin
	one at midnight	à minuit	an ambush the darkness	une embuscade l'obscurité $(f)$
39	the warning	1'avertissement $(m)$	the darkness	
	the scruple	le scrupule	the light	la lumière
	overcast (of the sky)	convert	the sentry	la sentinelle
40	to notice sg.	s'apercevoir de qe.	a pulley the beach, strike	une poulie la grève
	the sign a headache	le signe un mal de tête	the belt	la ceinture
4 T	sharp, shrill	aigu	the fist	le poing effleurer
	to jump the shore	sauter le rivage	to graze, shave the temple (of the head)	la tempe
42	to upset	renverser être débarrassé	at the time of	lors de l'épaule (f)
		de	the corpse	le cadavre
43	to be hurt the wound	être atteint la blessure par bonheur	the (open) wound	la plaie
	the prisoner	le prisonnier	the dressing (of a wound)	le pansement
44	the fate	la chair l'entreprise (f) le sort	narrowly roguish,	étroitement coquin
	the watchfulness	la vigilance	mean	

33 it is contrary to good manners to . .

to struggle with some one everything became silent again

34 to keep in readiness to sit down on a stone to shout in a firm voice

35 I swear to it on what ground (reason)? to change one's clothes

36 a long time beforehand to take part in it to join in a plot

37 he is still alive to tell some one all about sg. he was shivering with cold

38 to get the better of some one in a trice you will smart for it

39 to escape from sg. in his turn to allow some one to do sg.

40 an hour went by to be at anchor the sailor was not mistaken

+1 to start on one's way
to recognise some one by his
tall stature
to be disabled (mi/)

42 to seize some one round the
waist
to trip some one up
in the twinkling of an eye

43 to stay outside he has no luck according to all appearance

44 on no account to bring to a good issue il est contraire aux convenances de . . se débattre contre on.

se tenir prêt s'asseoir sur une pierre crier d'une voix ferme

tout rentra dans le silence

j'en fais le serment à quel titre ? changer de vêtements

longtemps d'avance y prendre part entrer dans un complot

il est encore vivant mettre qu. au courant de qc. il tremblait de froid

avoir raison de qn. en un tour de main il vous en cuira

se soustraire à qc. à son tour permettre à qn. de faire qc.

une heure s'écoula être au mouillage le matelot ne s'était pas trompé

se mettre en marche reconnaître qu. à sa haute taille

être hors de combat

saisir qn. à bras-le-corps

donner un croc-en-jambe à qu. en un clin d'œil

rester au dehors il n'a pas de chance selon toute apparence

pour rien au monde mener (or conduire) à bien

	in proportion as		a dagger	un poignard
45	to lean on one's	s'accouder	the steward's	la cambuse
	elbows	•	room	
	intoxicated	ivre	the hoard of	le magot
	hoarse	enroué	money	
	to hail, speak	neier		
	with (nav)	10 days	4- 1	
40	the thunder	le tonnerre	to knock down,	assommer
		le gredin	the drunkard	l'immagnia (m)
	guard to curse, fume	maugréer		l'ivrogue $(m)$ les êtres $(m)$ , la
	to carse, runte	mangreer	the ms and outs	disposition
, -	the bottle	la bouteille	the key	la cleí
41	the lantern	la lanterne	to bolt	verrouiller
	to bruise	meurtrir	to padlock	cadenasser
18	a plank	une planche	to stammer	balbutier
7-	the hovel	le bouge	the den	le réduit
	confused	ahuri	briefly	brièvement
19	to guess	deviner	in the first place	
.,	the sailor	le matelot	(adv)	
	the coast	la côte	guilty	coupable
			to obey	obéir à
50	the ladder	l'échelle $(f)$	dismal, gloomy	lugubre
	to hope	espérer	the dream	le rêve
	the business,	la besogne	in spite of	malgré
	job			_
5 t	perfect	parfait	the gratitude	la reconnais-
	to wipe out, rub	effacer		sance
	out	1. 1/		au printemps
	the witness perhaps	le témoin	to abstract, pur-	
52	a trifle	peut-être une bagatelle	a watch the grief, sorrow	une montre
	a necklace	un collier	a handful	une poignée
<b>£</b> 2	the east wind	le vent d'est	Siberia	la Sibérie
33	to blow	souffler	the Hague	la Haye
	the breeze	la brise	Japan	le Japon
5.4	the territory	le territoire	China	la Chine
0.1	the mouth (of a		completely	complètement
	river)	(f)		une nappe d'eau
	the heart	le cœur		**
55	the ground	le sol	the cable	le câble
	the speed	la vitesse	to stop (trans)	arrêter
	to grow less	devenir moindre	to slip	glisser
56	the arm	le bras	the lips	les lèvres $(f)$
	to faint	s'évanouir	a drop	une goutte
	the features (m)	les traits	the cheek	la joue

to resign one's self to one's fate

45 in a snuffling tone to send for light a packet of wax-candles

46 with a (ship's) lantern in his hand to stop dead with astonishment

with a blow of his fist

17 in the most curious fashion
a mixture of joy and doubt
to force a door

48 for want of air what had just happened to jump into the sea

49 to attempt to reach the coast by swimming

to need sg. on seeing him they recoiled

50 to sleep peacefully to start on one's way again urgent business calls him to Calcutta

51 dinner was served on deck to draw up a formal account to do some one a service

52 a purse full of sovereigns in his name and in that of all the others to steam full speed ahead

53 to receive sg. with shouts of joy let us set out for Europe at the rate of ten yards a second

54 at sunset farther than the eye could reach to point the field-glasses in the direction of sg.

55 his proposal was approved of an inclined plane since it is so . .

56 he is fourteen at the outside to double the dose an empty tin bottle se résigner à son sort d'une voix nasillarde envoyer chercher de la lumière un paquet de bougies un fanal à la main

s'arrêter interdit d'un coup de poing

de la façon la plus curieuse un mélange de joie et de doute enfoncer une porte

par suite du manque d'air ce qui venait de se passer sauter à la mer

tenter de gagner la côte à la nage

avoir besoin de qc.
à sa vue ils reculèrent
dormir passiblement
se remettre en route
des affaires pressantes l'appellent à Calcutta

le diner fut servi sur le pont rédiger un procès-verbal rendre un service à qn.

une bourse pleine de pièces d'or en son nom et au nom de tous les autres filer à toute vapeur

accueillir qc. par des cris de joie

à raison de dix mètres par seconde au coucher du soleil à perte de vue braquer les longues-vues vers qc.

on approuva sa proposition un plan incliné puisqu'il en est ainsi... il a quatorze ans au plus redoubler la dose une gourde d'étain vide

partons pour l'Europe

57	the parcel	le paquet	a dictionary	<b>un</b> dictionnaire
	the linen	le linge	stray, lost	égaré
	a volume, book	un volume	to be hungry	avoir faim
58	to get informa-	se renseigner	the law	la loi
•	tion		the exhaustion	l'épuisement(m)
	exhausted	épuisé	the husband	le mari
	a writer, author			
50	to provide for		to buy of	acheter à
39	to leave for	partir pour	the household	le ménage
	the tribe	la tribu	to pack up	emballer
60	to meet, come	rencontrer	later on	plus tard
00	across	TOTICOTOTOT	the future	l'avenir (m)
	unfortunately	par malheur	the wain	le chariot
	to consent	consentir	one want	ie charios
6.		l'étoffe (f)	henceforth	désormais
OI	the stuff, cloth the fear	la crainte	to shake	
				secouer
e -	to cure, heal	guérir	to sweep	balayer
02	cloudy	nuageux	at the outset	de prime abord
	the south	le sud	incredible	incroyable
	the brother-in-	le beau-frère	the speed	la vitesse
,	law			
63	the pleasure	le plaisir	to clear up (of	s'éclaireir
	to wander about		the sky)	
	the nurder	le meurtre	along (prep)	le long de
	the laziness	la paresse	the bank (of $a$	la rive
		_	river)	
64	stony	pierreux	unusual	insolite
	the slope	la pente	an attack	une attaque
	steep	raide	above all	surtout
65	a hatchet	une hache	slanting	de (or en) biais
	a cutlass	un coutelas	to rush down	dégringoler
	to split, cleave	fendre	a rush (plant)	un_jone
66	the period	la période	the $drop$	la goutte
	to replace (take	remplacer	a rope	une corde
	the $pluce of)$		the darkness	l'obscurité $(f)$
	stormy	orageux		
67	dazzling	éblouissant	sufficiently	suffisamment
	misty	brumeux	the fog	le brouillard
	the space	l'espace (m)	a tug	un remor-
	_	-	-	queur
68	the steamer	le vapeur	to start off	se mettre en
	the steam	la vapeur		route
	to tow, tug	remorquer	the coast	le littoral
	, ,	•	the crew	l'équipage (m)
69	to dismiss	congédier	to empty (a bal-	dégonfler
-	the enclosure	l'enclos (m)	loon)	-
		` '	•	

57 he decided to open it she had just opened her eyes kneeling before her, he. .

58 to recover one's strength recouver ses forces she did not require much pressing elle ne se fit pas prier from time to time de temps en temps

59 at the beginning of the year in the following April what has become of him?

60 to die of hunger what do you mtend to do ? to attend to sg.

61 to be ignorant of sg. they had difficulty in reassuring her

the fact was the more serious as ..

62 a thousand yards from the ground

the assertion seemed a little rash a distance of at least three thousand kilometres

63 the temperature exceeded twenty-five degrees to be given to pilaging in the most peaceful manner 64 to climb to the top

it was lucky for him that . . to turn about (mul)
65 the current was rather strong

to arrive on the coast a little farther on

66 the distant roll of thunder to keep in readmess a little way of

67 the edge of a knife would you have the kindness to...

to utter a joyful exclamation 68 will you allow me to ask you..

to go (betake one's self') to the
Hague

although the sky was misty 69 to pay some one generously to avail one's self of . . il se décida à l'ouvrir elle venait d'ouvrir les yeux agenouillé devant elle, il . . recouvrer ses forces elle ne se fit pas prier de temps en temps au commencement de l'année au mois d'avril suivant qu'est-il devenu? mourir de faim que comptez-vous faire? s'occuper de qc. ignorer qc. on ett de la peine à la rassurer

le fait était d'autant plus grave que..

à mille mètres du sol

l'assertion sembla un peu hasardé une distance d'au moins trois mille kilomètres

la température dépassait vingtcinq degrés être adonné au pillage de la manière la plus paisible grimper jusqu'au sommet bien lui prit de . . faire volte-face le courant était assez fort

arriver au littoral un peu plus loin le roulement lointain du tonnerre

se tenir prêt à peu de distance

le tranchant d'un couteau auriez-vous la bonté de..

pousser une exclamation joyeuse me permettrez - vous de vous demander . . se rendre à la Haye

quoique le ciel fût embrumé rémunérer qu. généreusement profiter de . . the crowd la foule the (shipping) le chartier yard 70 amazed (bahi

everybody
the smile
the dowry
the diamond
to enrich

tout le monde le sourire la dot le diamant enrichir to be in a hurry avoir hâte de . . to . .

the walrus
the convent
the wedding
the regular
guests
to overwhelm

le morse
le couvent
les noces (f)
les habitués
(m)
accabler

hurry?

70 on his part nothing is changed here

to be in love with some one 71 answer my question with sincerity

saying . .

What makes you be in such a qu'est-ce qui vous presse à ce point?

de son côté

rien ici n'est changé

être amoureux de qn. répondez à ma question avec sincérité

he always used to end by il finissait toujours par dire . .



# A PUBLIC SCHOOL GERMAN PRIMER,

Comprising a First Reader, Grammar, and Exercises, with some remarks on German Pronunciation, and full Vocabularies. By Otto Siepmann, Head of the Modern Language Department at Clifton College. Crown 8vo. 3s. 6d.

#### PRESS OPINIONS.

JOURNAL OF EDUCATION.—" Mr. Siepmann says in his preface that 'the present volume is an attempt to apply the principles of the Neuere Richtung to the teaching of German in public schools, as far as this is feasible under existing circumstances." The attempt is successful, and we have here a book which, in the hands of a competent teacher, will prove a most satisfactory introduction to German.

"We recommend this book very warmly, as being, indeed, the first attempt to introduce in our public schools some of the more important results arrived at by the German reformers in modern

language teaching."

SCHOOL BOARD CHRONICLE.—" Mr. Siepmann's Primer has qualities which lead us to commend it with emphasis to the attention of class teachers of German. Without rushing to any extreme, the author has produced what we think will commend itself to experienced and open-minded teachers as a very practical and attractive modification of methods that are becoming antiquated, and one uniting in a very large degree the force of imitation, with those of reasoning and of memory.

"Quite of a piece with the careful and practical character of the whole, are the interesting and useful explanations of the preface, which may be regarded as addressed primarily to teachers, but also to practical educationists at large. Not less for the purposes of Evening Continuation Schools and the Higher Standards of Elementary Schools, than for the Public Schools which the author had especially in mind, is such a work of practical interest at the present

time."

EDUCATION.—"Mr. Siepmann's German Primer deserves more than a passing notice. It is a deliberate attempt to introduce into English schools, as far as possible, the principles of the Neuere Richtung, which have on the Continent revolutionized the teaching of modern languages. Type, arrangement, and references are all good and accurate. We have tested them in several ways. This is the only complete book on the new system that we have seen, and we hope its publication will do much to make the early study of the German language more thorough."

THE MODERN LANGUAGE TEACHERS' GUIDE.—
"Every page of this book shows unmistakably that it is the work of a singularly able practical teacher. It is the only book for public school use which consistently carries out the principles of the New Method. It will undoubtedly achieve very great success."

## A PUBLIC SCHOOL GERMAN PRIMER

By OTTO SIEPMANN.

#### PRESS OPINIONS.—Continued.

THE MODERN LANGUAGE QUARTERLY.—"It contains a reader, grammar, and writer, the exercises in the reader and writer being in duplicate, so that boys who are not moved up to a higher form need not necessarily be taken over familiar ground again. The system of the book is satisfactory, and a careful examination of it leads us to believe that pupils should be able to attain a sound knowledge of the elements of German within a year or so, if the teacher follows out the instructions of Mr. Siepmann. Reading, writing, speaking form part of each lesson, and every extract for translation or retranslation is illustrative of some part of the grammar of the language.

The extracts for translation into English are carefully graduated, and lead up to some pieces from standard authors, such as Lessing and Heine. The grammar is complete in itself. Beginners will derive their grammatical training from it, and it is, therefore, important that in method and arrangement it should reach a high standard of excellence. We may say at once that we should find it hard to instance another outline of German Grammar of equal merit.

We recommend the book to the attention of Teachers of Modern Languages, who have not yet become acquainted with it."

EDUCATIONAL NEWS.—"The assistant master at Clifton College has not only formed a satisfactory Lehrplan, but has made it possible to carry out his plan practically and livingly. The vocabulary is not a mere lexicon of words and their synonyms. The words are annotated where requisite with historical, geographical, as well as linguistic explanations. This single, useful, and wisely-arranged book contains all that is required for an average school year."

SCHOOL GUARDIAN.—"The system suggested in the above volume is eminently practical. The book is clear and well arranged, and any teacher who follows Mr. Siepmann's advice should experience no difficulty in giving his pupils a thoroughly sound and practical knowledge of German."

SCHOOLMASTER.—"Mr. Siepmann's book is a useful combination of Reader, Grammar and Exercises. The Reading Lessons begin with very simple sentences and by careful graduation arrive at fairly difficult passages in prose and verse."

GLASGOW HERALD.—"The system is undoubtedly a good one, it has been carefully worked out, and ought to produce good results."

MACMILLAN AND CO., LTD., LONDON

## A PUBLIC SCHOOL GERMAN PRIMER.

By OTTO SIEPMANN.

#### PRESS OPINIONS.—Continued.

OXFORD MAGAZINE.—"The appearance of this book marks an epoch in the study of modern languages in England. It represents the first serious attempt to introduce into this country, in a form likely to be acceptable, the principles of the Marburg School, whose influence on the Continent has been so far-reaching. The author's aim is 'to treat the language as a living thing and at the same time draw from it some mental discipline and general outline, to impart ease in pronunciation and speech without degrading instruction to lessons in small talk and conversation.' The Primer is divided into three parts—Reader, Grammar, and Exercises—and these divisions stand in close interdependence with a coincident vocabulary. Practice precedes abstract rules. On a passage of the Reader are based conversation, grammar, and exercises, and endless variation suggests itself to a competent teacher. We fear, however, that the Englishman who 'hears a German lesson' and deems that to be instruction in the German tongue, will curse Vietor, Bréal, Siepmann, and all their works.

"We have here a rational method. The adoption of this system would speedily effect an incredible change in the attainments of the British schoolboy, and aid in the solution of the problem which is constantly forced upon our attention, viz., how to induce the young

hopeful to learn something of and in a foreign language.

"We hope that a second year's Course will soon be published." EDUCATIONAL REVIEW .- "As regards the grammar we heartily agree with Mr. Siepmann's statement that most German Courses are overcrowded with rules; he himself has avoided the mistake, though dealing fully with essentials.

"The Primer seems highly practical, and is carefully worked out." SATURDAY REVIEW.—"Mr. Otto Siepmann has skilfully combined a scientific and educational grammar (not mere reference tables) with a German 'Reader.' To this 'Reader' are appended English exercises, to be used chiefly for the reproduction of German sentences which have previously been read in the 'Reader'-a highly commendable method, because a boy's mind is thus saturated with the form of German sentences before he is set to translate English sentences into German. Another point in Mr. Siepmann's method strikes us as worthy of imitation-namely, his oral drill. At the end of every passage in the 'Reader' he prints a set of German questions to be answered in the full German sentences which can be constructed from the passage just studied. This is the way to loosen the tongue, form the ear, make the language live, and lead boys as much as possible into the habit of thinking in German. Moreover, the constant repetition of sentences is better than the learning of unapplied grammar."

ATHENÆUM.-"Mr. Siepmann's Public School German Primer is an excellent book. The Reader is rightly made the chief feature of the work; the Grammar is intended to explain the passages